

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Anchorage Field Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX No.: AK-040-02-CX-024 Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AA-084184

Proposed Action Title/Types: Free use permit for vegetative materials

Location of Proposed Action: Sec. 5,6,7,8,17,18, T. 33 N., R. 60 W. Seward Meridian

Description of Proposed Action:

Mr. Pete Walsh has requested a permit for the harvest of 2500 board feet of dead and downed timber for use on his property located on Section 17, T. 33 N., R. 60 W. Seward Meridian. Material needed for repair and construction of his facility is not available on his private property.

He intends to mill individual logs at various locations on public land along the Anvik river and transport the lumber by boat to his homesite. He will not use any powered equipment other than a chainsaw and jet boat.

Individual trees will be felled, bucked, and sawn into boards in the woods with the resulting lumber transported back to his homesite. Slash will be scattered on site and stumps will be cut as low as practicable. Little evidence of his activity will be visible from the Anvik River. Depending on the size of the trees harvested, the number of trees requested under this permit will amount to between 20 and 50. For comparison, an equivalent amount of firewood would equal 5 cords. Mr. Walsh intends to harvest individual trees away from the river in a variety of locations according to their availability.

Applicant (if any):

Pete Walsh

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan:

Southwest MFP Dated 11/25/81

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks: Individual vegetative material permits for local use are authorized under this planning document.

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PART II - NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. C (2).

B. Departmental Exceptions Review.

The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species. | ___ | <u>x</u> |
| 9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. | ___ | <u>x</u> |

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YES NO

10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. x

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): /s/ Mike Zaidlicz Date: June 17, 2002

PART III - DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:

Applicant will scatter slash so as not to create an impediment to animal movement and will cut all stumps as close as practicable to the surface of the ground.

Remarks:

Authorized Official: /s/ June Bailey, Associate Field Manager Date: June 17, 2002